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Government of India
Ministry of Industrial Development
Internal Trade & Company Affairs
(Deptt. of Industrial Development)

New Delhi
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RESOLUTION

1. Government of India have had under consideration for some time the recommendation of the Administrative Reforms Commission concerning the setting up of a body to provide advice on a continuing basis on Industrial costs and prices. Government have now decided to constitute Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices in the Department of Industrial Development to tender advice to Government on the various issues pertaining to cost reduction, improvement of Industrial efficiency, and pricing problems in relation to Industrial costs.
2. In order to advice Government on these issues, the Bureau would undertake costs studies pertaining to Industries referred to it, with reference to cost of inputs, possibilities of technological improvements and proper utilisation of capital and materials: present costs in relation to the optimum efficiency of Industrial units; costs in relation to import substitution schemes and the scope and methods for achieving cost reduction together with an announcement of the implications thereof. Apart from specific industries on which the advice of the Bureau is sought by Government, the Bureau may suo-moto take up cost studies for other Industries, where it feels such Investigation to be desirable, and advise Government suitably after a study of the cost structure of the Industries in question. The Bureau may, at its discretion, and in order to obtain maximum results at minimum cost, hire consultants to assist it in its deliberations.
3. The Bureau would be headed by a Chairman and for the present have two whole-time members drawn from among economists, cost experts, engineering and managers with experience of the working of Industry, assisted by suitable supporting staff. The Director General; Technical Development and Economic Adviser to the Government of India (Ministry of Industrial Development) would be ex-officio members of the Bureau. The Director General of the Bureau of Public Enterprises would be associated with the work of the Bureau as and when necessary in connection with cost studies for public sector projects.
4. The Bureau will have independent status, the Chairman being a person of sufficient seniority, status and experience to make it a really effective organisation. In order that the Bureau is also effectively to advise Government on important issues relating to industrial prices

and costs, the Bureau would function like an Independent Committee, and the Chairman would have appropriate administrative powers.

5. The Bureau would have full powers under Section 19 of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act of 1951 to call for any date, records or papers pertaining to any Industry stated in Schedule-I of the Industries Act, or to take such action as is allowable under the said Section of the Industries Act.

6. The Bureau will maintain close touch with other agencies dealing with matters that have a bearing on Industrial prices and costs. In this connection, the Bureau will determine its own procedures, call for notes, memoranda, results of studies, data and any other material relevant to its work from official and non-official bodies and also hold discussions with them. The Bureau will submit confidential reports to Government as and when necessary in respect of different industries or groups of industries on which its advice has been sought, or even with information to any particular aspect of cost production pertaining to any industry, as it may deem fit.

Sd/-
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SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

ORDER

ORDERED that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned.

ORDERED also that the Resolution be published on the Gazette of India for general information.

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(N.N.Wanchoo)
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